

MINUTES of meeting, July 15, 2015

Board Room, Department of Public Works (DPW), 20 Municipal Way

Present: Diane Campbell, chair; David Wright, vice chair; member Paul Criswell; project manager Peter Jackson; Town staff Dave Hickey, Meghan Jop, Mike Pakstis and Brandon Schmitt.

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

Minutes: Draft minutes of the meeting of June 29, 2015 had been distributed previously. The list of attendees was corrected. MOVED Paul, SECONDED Diane to approve the minutes as amended. PASSED unanimously.

Construction report: Peter showed photos of Caroline Brook near the high school, after dredging and clearing overgrowth. Members agreed that the opened-up stream and newly-revealed stone bridges were beautiful additions to the high school campus. At the west end of the football field, tall trees have been removed and the fence moved 8 feet toward the track; outside the fence, there will be new plantings and a modified grade to accommodate a full-width path. Some removed trees will be reused as logs for stream stabilization.

The water is mostly pumped out of the pond, and some material has been removed. The contractor is still considering how to get access to the job; he has acquired a long-reach excavator specifically for this project, but is finding the clay layer at the pond's east end too unstable, and so is considering an approach from the north. The stand of old beech and the memorial grove in that area are to be protected. Mike said he is continuing to confer with the contractor and keeping the Town's athletic director informed. Peter said the contractor has complete discretion as to how the job is done, as long as he stays within what has been permitted.

Field Review: Peter said the puddling noted by some members along the path will be addressed. He circulated, and explained with photos, a 24-item list titled "Field Review of Construction Section 1," showing work remaining to be done in the section as of the date of this meeting (July 15, 2015). The list is appended to these minutes as Exhibit A.

Additional work to remove invasive species: Peter recommended that some areas with invasives, previously identified but taken out of the plan to reduce cost, be added back to the project. He identified the most critical areas as the "tight fit" path segment near Wellesley Avenue, the side path to Twitchell Street, and the road to the basketball courts, where one side is currently in the plan and the other is not. MOVED David, SECONDED Paul to add the recommended areas to the project. PASSED unanimously.

Schedule: Peter acknowledged that the project overall is somewhat behind schedule, in part because he and the owner of the contracting firm must be personally present at all work to assure quality, and because the owner operates all the drainage and dredging equipment himself.

Section 319 grant: Peter said he is submitting another invoice today for just under \$68,000, bringing the total billed so far to the Section 319 grant to approximately \$250,000. He foresees that, with charges for roadway drainage and some of his own work hours, the eventual total billed to the grant could go as high as \$337,000.

Screening for 43 Rice Street: Brandon summarized discussions with the homeowner at 43 Rice Street about plantings to screen the private property from the park/path to the south. Birch trees, which demarcate while still letting sun through, were suggested. Mike said the Town arborist will be consulted, and the Parks Department will do the planting.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the FBPC was set for Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., in the DPW Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wright, Vice Chair

Appendix A

Field Review of Construction Section 1 July 15, 2015

1. Flagstone walk connection at Maugus bldg.
2. Road and sidewalk paving at Maugus
3. Loam needed at curve by first bench
4. Asphalt behind curb at parking
5. Remove fabric from cb's, clean structures
6. Soil across path at Seaward
7. Completion of paving, sidewalk, crosswalk, landscape at Seaward
8. Add loam by silverbell at Caroline
9. Several low spots in path and grass areas between Caroline and Forest
10. Finish grading, planting, and seeding at Caroline
11. Remove red maple at Forest St. for drainage structure
12. Woodland seed along path edges leading to walk #4
13. Break-up and rake out compost logs, Forest to Paine
14. Remove mudmat near walkway 4
15. Remove knotweed behind #28 Paine St
16. Plant replacement cherry tree Abbott Road, tagged at Bigelow Nursery
17. Dig channel or holes near walk #3
18. Dig out at pipe ends near walk #2
19. Finish landscape at Paine St end
20. Plant two red maple near Paine St end
21. Abbott Rd and Forest St drainage, sidewalks, crosswalks, paving.
22. Path and landscape areas disturbed by drainage work
23. Paving and sidewalks Maugus and Paine.
24. Grass and plant maintenance